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The Riksdag has decided on a more detailed framework for the Riksbank's tasks in the [Sveriges Riksbank Act](#).

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- The Rules of Procedure of the General Council
- The Instructions for Sveriges Riksbank
- Policies
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The General Council decides on [the Rules of Procedure](#). The Executive Board decides on the [Instructions for Sveriges Riksbank](#).

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